UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re: Case No. 10-46834

MIDWEST THEATRES CORPORATION, Chapter 11

Debtor.

DEBTOR'S RESPONSE TO MOTIONS FOR RELIEF FROM STAY

- 1. Midwest Theatres Corporation ("MTC"), through its undersigned counsel, submits this response to First Minnesota Bank's ("FMB") Motion for Relief from Stay [Docket No. 147; United Community Bank's ("UCB") Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay [Docket No. 146]; and Citizens State Bank's ("CSB") Motion for Relief from Stay [Docket No. 145]. FMB, UCB and CSB are herein collectively referred to as the "Lenders".
- 2. MTC filed its Petition on September 14, 2010 in response to a foreclosure action commenced by United Bankers' Bank ("UBB").
- 3. MTC's stated reorganization objectives at the time of filing included an agreement with UBB to continue to operate the St. Michael Cineplex (10% of MTC revenue) and to reach agreement with MN Theaters 2006, LLC ("iStar") for a new lease in Rochester and Burnsville (55% of MTC revenues).
 - 4. MTC closed St. Michael without agreement with UBB.
 - 5. MTC closed Burnsville and Rochester without agreement with iStar.
- 6. Following rejection of the iStar lease MTC determined that reorganization was no longer feasible given the reduced revenue stream and prepetition debt load including the \$5,000,000 UBB judgment and iStar and Cole Capital lease rejection claims.

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- 7. MTC is in default under the cash collateral stipulation presently in effect.

 Lenders are entitled to relief from stay to foreclose.
- 8. The Lenders have requested and MTC has agreed to cooperate in the surrender of possession of the land, buildings and equipment necessary to operate the remaining six theatre Cineplex's. MTC intends to sign voluntary surrender agreements and to stipulate to appointment of receivers following stay termination to permit the Lenders to retain an interim operator, avoid Cineplex closure during foreclosure and maximize Lender recovery for the benefit of the Lenders and the estate.
- 9. MTC has not and will not waive substantive rights in the foreclosure process as it intends to voluntarily convert its case to chapter 7 on or before April 2, 2011. MTC will operate in the ordinary course through the close of business on March 20, 2011 to permit the Lenders to retain receivers and interim operators for each of the properties. Surrender of possession is unavoidable as MTC will lose authority to use cash and operate in the ordinary course which is necessary to insure, secure and maintain its real estate and personal property. The surrender of possession will not prejudice the rights of creditors or the estate in the state court foreclosure processes.
- 10. One or more of the Lenders have agreed to retain Odyssey Entertainment, Inc. ("OEI"). Steve Tripp, the former CEO of MTC, is the CEO of OEI. One or more of the Lenders may elect to retain an interim operator other than OEI.

Dated: March 8, 2011

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VERIFICATION

I, Bryan Sieve, the Chief Financial Officer of Debtor, declare under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing Response, are true and correct according to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on: March 8, 2011

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I, Michael F. McGrath, declare under penalty of perjury that on March 8, 2011 I served copies of the attached:

1. Debtor's Response to Motions for Relief from Stay;

were served by sending to each party a copy thereof as noted on the attached Service List.

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